## III. REMARKS

All independent claims respectively correspond to the allowed dependent claims. The non-allowable claims have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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